

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 28-44 as follows:

28. (New) A method for in-situ coating a surface formed by a plurality of plasterboard sections, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a coating composition comprising calcium carbonate and, by weight, relative to the calcium carbonate, from 4% to 11% of a polymeric binder, from 0.60% to 1.5% of a thickening agent and from 0.10% to 0.35% of a surfactant, dispersed in water; and
applying the coating composition to a surface formed by the plasterboard sections using one of an airless spray coating technique and a roller technique.

29. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the binder is an EVA binder.

30. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the surfactant is sodium citrate.

31. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the thickening agent is an inert mineral thickening agent.

32. (New) The method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the inert mineral thickening agent is derived from Attapulgite.

33. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the binder is present in an amount of approximately 5% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

34. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the binder is present in an amount of approximately 10% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

35. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of approximately 0.15% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

36. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of approximately 0.30% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

37. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the thickening agent is present in an amount of approximately 0.63% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

38. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the thickening agent is present in an amount of approximately 1.26% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

39. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, further comprising a preservative/biocide.

40. (New) The method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the preservative/biocide is present in an amount of from 0.25% to 0.35% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

41. (New) The method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the preservative/biocide is sodium benzoate.

42. (New) The method as claimed in claim 39, wherein the preservative/biocide is present in an amount of approximately 0.30% by weight relative to the calcium carbonate.

43. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28, further comprising the step of adding a pigment to the mixture.

44. (New) The method as claimed in claim 43, wherein the pigment is added in an amount of from 0.5% to 5% by weight relative to calcium carbonate.